

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 385

By Matheny

A RESOLUTION to commend C.B. Watkins for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the Tullahoma Fire Chief.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. C.B. Watkins is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a forty-eight-year employee of the City of Tullahoma, including service as the city's Fire Chief since 1974, Mr. Watkins has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, C.B. Watkins joined the City of Tullahoma in 1959, as a patrolman with the Police Department, having recieved training with the Police Training Academy; and

WHEREAS, in 1961, he transferred to Tullahoma's Fire Department and attended the Tennessee Fire School; he has since attended numerous training schools throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, prior to achieving the rank of Fire Chief, Mr. Watkins served as Fire Inspector; and

WHEREAS, under Chief Watkins direction, the Fire Department celebrated its fiftieth anniversary as a career fire department in 2006; as testament to the many contributions he has made to his community, C.B. Watkins was designated the Grand Marshall of Tullahoma's Christmas Parade in 2001; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated professional, Chief Watkins lends his time and skillful talents as an active member of the Tennessee Fire Chiefs' Association, the Tennessee Fire Association, the National Fire Prevention Association, and the Tennessee Fire Marshall Association; and

WHEREAS, Chief Watkins' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Chief C.B. Watkins is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend C.B. Watkins for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as Fire Chief of the Tullahoma Fire Department and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.